

most community facilities. A community facilities plan must consider more than just the present population however. Most community facilities are designed for many years, and decisions made today will affect people living in Southern Pines far in the future. For this reason this plan tries to anticipate needs over a 20-year planning period. Because of the time involved, it is important to have an idea of what Southern Pines' population will be 20 years in the future as well as to know the present population. This information was presented in Southern Pines' Population and Economy Report. The population projections made in that report are given in the chart below.

SOUTHERN PINES POPULATION PROJECTIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Projection</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Projection</u>
1960.....	5,198	1980.....	7,567
1965.....	5,739	1985.....	8,276
1970.....	6,280	1990.....	8,985
1975.....	6,923	1995.....	9,825
		2000.....	10,665

For the purpose of this report, a population of 6,000 was used as a working figure for the present Southern Pines population. The population for the end of the planning period, 1988, was rounded off at 8,500. Using these figures, there would be an increase of 2,500 people in Southern Pines during the planning period. In terms of community facilities, that means 2,500 additional people to serve with water, sewer, and other facilities by the end of the planning period.

What affect would annexations have on the demand for community facilities?

Southern Pines' present and future policy regarding annexation will greatly influence the need for community facilities. The town's present annexation policy limits annexation to areas which petition the town to be annexed. This policy will tend to limit annexation to relatively small areas. Should Southern